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246-886-001
Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter shall be to ensure compliance with the law and rules regarding the use of legend drugs by animal control agencies and humane societies for the sole purpose of sedating animals prior to euthanasia, when necessary, and for use in chemical capture programs.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.64.005](#) and chapter [18.64A](#) RCW. 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-886-001, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW [18.64.005](#), 91-04-056 (Order 140B), § 360-35-010, filed 2/4/91, effective 3/7/91.]

246-886-010
Definitions.

- (1) "Board": The Washington state board of pharmacy.
- (2) "Animal control agency": Any agency authorized by law to euthanize or destroy animals; to sedate animals prior to euthanasia or to engage in chemical capture of animals.
- (3) "Humane society": A society incorporated and authorized to act under RCW [16.52.020](#).
- (4) "Legend drugs": "Legend drugs" means any drugs which are required by state law or regulation of the state board of pharmacy to be dispensed on prescription only or are restricted to use by practitioners only.

(5) "Controlled substances": "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in Schedule I through V of Article II of chapter [69.50](#) RCW.

(6) "Approved legend drug": Any legend drug approved by the board for use by registered humane societies or animal control agencies for the sole purpose of sedating animals prior to euthanasia, when necessary, and for use in chemical capture programs.

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246-886-020
Registration.

Humane societies and animal control agencies registered with the board under RCW [69.50.310](#) and WAC [246-887-050](#) to purchase, possess, and administer sodium pentobarbital as provided therein may also, under that registration, purchase, possess, and administer approved legend drugs as provided in RCW [69.41.080](#) and herein.

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246-886-030
Approved legend drugs.

(1) The following legend drugs are hereby designated as "approved legend drugs" for use by registered humane societies or animal control agencies for limited purposes:

- (a) Acetylpromazine.
- (b) Ketamine.
- (c) Xylazine.

(2) A humane society or animal control agency shall not be permitted to purchase, possess, or administer approved legend drugs unless that society or agency:

(a) Is registered with the board under RCW [69.50.310](#) and WAC [246-887-050](#) to purchase, possess, and administer sodium pentobarbital;

(b) Submits to the board written policies and procedures ensuring that only those of its agents and employees who

have completed a board-approved training program will possess or administer approved legend drugs; and

(c) Has on its staff at least one individual who has completed a board-approved training program.

(3) The following legend drugs are hereby designated as "approved legend drugs" only for use by agents and biologists of the Washington state department of wildlife: Naltrexone, detomidine, metdetomidine and yohimbine.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.64.005](#). 94-02-060, § 246-886-030, filed 1/3/94, effective 2/3/94. Statutory Authority: RCW [69.41.080](#). 92-12-035 (Order 277B), § 246-886-030, filed 5/28/92, effective 6/28/92. Statutory Authority: RCW [18.64.005](#) and chapter [18.64A](#) RCW. 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-886-030, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW [18.64.005](#). 91-04-056 (Order 140B), § 360-35-040, filed 2/4/91, effective 3/7/91.]

246-886-040

Training of personnel.

(1) Approved legend drugs may only be administered by those personnel who have completed a board-approved training program. Such training programs shall be submitted to the board for approval no later than thirty days prior to the initiation of training.

(2) Any training program shall use a text approved by the board. The board will make available a list of approved texts. Training programs shall be at least four hours in length and shall be taught by a licensed veterinarian or by a person who has completed an approved training program taught by a licensed veterinarian. Each program shall require that the trainee participate in both didactic and practical training in the use of these drugs and shall be required to score no less than seventy-five percent on a final examination. Training programs shall include the following topics:

- (a) Anatomy and physiology;
- (b) Pharmacology of the drugs;
- (c) Indications, contraindications, and adverse effects;
- (d) Human hazards;
- (e) Disposal of medical waste (needles, syringes, etc.);
- (f) Recordkeeping and security requirements.

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246-886-050

Legend drug administration.

Humane societies and animal control agencies and the staff of those agencies may not purchase, possess, or administer controlled substances or legend drugs except sodium pentobarbital and approved legend drugs as provided herein. Provided, staff may administer legend drugs and controlled substances which have been prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for a specific animal and which drugs have been dispensed by a pharmacy or a veterinarian and are properly labeled in accordance with either RCW [18.64.246](#) or [69.41.050](#).

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246-886-060

Responsible individuals.

(1) Each agency or society registered in accordance with WAC [246-887-050](#) shall name a designated individual as the person who shall be responsible for maintaining all records and submitting all reports required by applicable federal or state law or regulation, including chapter [246-887](#) WAC.

(2) This designated individual shall also be responsible for the ordering, possession, safe storage, and utilization of the sodium pentobarbital and approved legend drugs.

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246-886-070

Notification.

Each humane society and animal control agency shall promptly notify the board of its designated individual, of all employees authorized to purchase, possess, or administer approved legend drugs, and of any change in the status of these individuals.

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246-886-080**Recordkeeping and reports.**

(1) A bound log book with consecutively numbered pages shall be used to record the receipt, use, and disposition of approved legend drugs. No more than one drug shall be recorded on any single page. The record shall be in sufficient detail to allow an audit to be performed.

(2) All invoices, record books, disposition records, and other records regarding approved legend drugs shall be maintained in a readily retrievable manner for no less than two years.

(3) All records shall be available for inspection by the state board of pharmacy or any officer who is authorized to enforce this chapter.

(4) A physical inventory of approved legend drugs shall be performed and reconciled with the log book no less frequently than every six months.

(5) Any discrepancy in the actual inventory of approved legend drugs shall be documented in the log book and reported immediately to the responsible supervisor who shall investigate the discrepancy. Any discrepancy which has not been corrected within seven days shall be reported to the board of pharmacy in writing.

(6) Any approved legend drug which has become unfit for use due to contamination or having passed its expiration date shall be destroyed by a supervisor and another staff member. Record of such destruction shall be made in the log book which shall be signed and dated by the individuals involved.

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246-886-090**Drug storage.**

All approved legend drugs shall be stored in a substantially constructed locked cabinet or drawer. Keys to the storage area shall be restricted to those persons authorized to administer the drugs. Specifically designated agents and employees of the registrant may possess a supply of approved legend drugs for emergency field use. Such emergency supply shall be stored in a locked metal box securely attached to the vehicle.

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246-886-100**Violations.**

The board may suspend or revoke a registration issued under chapter [69.50](#) RCW if the board determines that any agent or employee of a registered humane society or animal control agency has purchased, possessed, or administered legend drugs in violation of RCW [69.41.080](#) or this chapter or has otherwise demonstrated inadequate knowledge in the administration of legend drugs. The board's revocation or suspension of a registration as provided herein would restrict the registered entity's ability to use both approved legend drugs and sodium pentobarbital.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.64.005](#) and chapter [18.64A](#) RCW. 91-18-057 (Order 191B), recodified as § 246-886-100, filed 8/30/91, effective 9/30/91. Statutory Authority: RCW [18.64.005](#). 91-04-056 (Order 140B), § 360-35-110, filed 2/4/91, effective 3/7/91.]